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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR VASTOLA AND ROOT ASAP. END SUMMARY

2. THROUGHOUT PAST WEEK EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR VASTOLA AND ROOT WITH ECONOMY & COMMERCE MINISTER JUSTIN RARIVOSON BUT SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS. ON OCT. 14 ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AND MINES GERARD RAJAONARY TO EXPLAIN US EXPROPRIATION LEGISLATION AND URGE THAT IN LIGHT THIS LEGISLATION MINISTER RECEIVE ESSO AFRICA OFFICIALS ASAP. EMBOFF ALSO NOTED THAT CHARGE HAS SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER FOR SOME MONTHS TO MAKE APPROACH CONTEMPLATED STATE 197250, BUT ALSO WITHOUT SUCCESS.

3. INDUSTRY AND MINES DIRECTOR APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE OF EARLY MEETING BETWEEN HIS MINISTER AND ESSO AFRICA OFFICIALS,
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AND PROMISED TO TALK TO THE MINISTER AND REPLY TO EMBASSY ASAP.

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EMBASSY WILL CONTACT INDUSTRY & MINES DIRECTOR AGAIN IF WE RECEIVE NO RESPONSE BY COT OCT. 18.

4. CHARGE LONG AGO PREPARED AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING TEXT STATE 204258 FOR PRESENTATION MINISTER, AND IF POSSIBLE WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER DOCUMENT IN PERSON. HOWEVER, IF CHARGE UNABLE OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER, OR IF APPOINTMENT FOR VASTOLA AND ROOT NOT FORTHCOMING IN NEAR FUTURE, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER WILL DELIVER COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE TO INDUSTRY AND MINES DIRECTOR RAJAONARY.

5. PARA 6 REFTEL REQUESTS APPOINTMENT FOR VASTOLA AND ROOT WITH QUOTE COMMISSAR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL END QUOTE. EMBASSY ASSUMES THIS REFERS TO PRESIDENT'S ECONMIC COUNCILOR, ANDRIAMALAGASY RABEARIVELO, WHO IS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONALIZED OIL COMPANY (SOLIMA) UNDER ECONOMY AND COMMERCE MINISTER JUSTIN RARIVOSON, PRESIDENT OF SOLIMA. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT IN NEAR FUTURE RABEARIVELO WILL LOSE HIS POSITION IN A SOLIMA REORGANIZATION AND THEREFORE WE WILL NOT ATTEMPT ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH RABEARIVELO, UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED BY ESSO AFRICA. SHEINBAUM

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